

I have held my Amateur Radio License since 1962. I urge the FCC to reject RM-10412 as a bad idea that serves no good purpose.

Field repair capability for Amateur Radio equipment should never be mandated. If there is a need for such capability, it should be market-driven, not legislated. Field repair capability has minimal importance to the Amateur Radio Service and attempts to solve a problem that does not exist. If anything, it may be a "nice to have" feature that manufacturers may want to add to their designs based on market demand, which I believe to be virtually non-existent.

Requiring manufacturers to implement field repair capability simply increases cost to all concerned, and will result in reduced competition as companies withdraw from producing Amateur Radio products.

Current manufacturing techniques result in rugged, reliable equipment that rarely needs repair, especially when compared to the old tube-type equipment, which makes field repair a non-issue.

Field repair will require sophisticated test equipment for proper diagnosis and alignment, not available to the average amateur operator, who also may not have the time or inclination to repair sophisticated computer-enhanced radios.

Emergency communications will not benefit, since there is little time to fix equipment in an emergency; equipment redundancy is necessary in emergency conditions.

Growth of technical knowledge will not be affected: opportunities and incentives currently exist for hams to upgrade technical expertise.

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